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Edwards v. Syracuse University
Civil Action No. 5:10-CV-663 (DNH/DEP)

Dear Magistrate Judge Peebles:

We represent plaintiff Pamela Edwards in the above-captioned matter, but we are writing on behalf of both parties regarding a scheduling matter.

The parties recently spoke with the Court's clerk, Ms. Shelly Muller, regarding the Rule 16 conference currently scheduled for October 7, 2010. Ms. Muller indicated that, due to a scheduling conflict, the Court will likely reschedule the conference for a later date. In doing so, we want the Court to be aware that the parties have exchanged proposed dates for mediation and hope to engage in mediation in late October or early November. The parties have also contacted a mutually agreeable mediator (Michael J. Sciotti, Esq.) who has experience in employment litigation.

Should the mediation be successful, it would, of course, obviate the need for the Rule 16 conference. Accordingly, in order to avoid unnecessary burden on the parties or the Court, the parties are amenable to holding the Rule 16 conference after the mediation. The parties have further agreed to move any deadlines set forth in the case management plan (Dkt. No. 11) to after the Rule 16 conference should the Court agree with this approach.

Respectfully,


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